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THE LAFAYETTE

PORLTAND, MAINE.

July 18, 19

American Numismatic Journal
13 Federal St
Boston Mass

Dear Sirs,

Will you kindly advise
me, as to your subscription
rates.

And greatly oblige
Very Respectfully Yours
A. L. Hanley

July 16, 1919.

A. L. Hanley, Esq.,
The Lafayette,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir:-

In response to your inquiry of July 13th, I am very glad to give you particulars regarding the American Journal of Numismatics. It is a annual publication which is sent to our membership and sold to others at five (\$5) dollars per copy. The associate membership in our Society, is only five ('5) per year and as this conotes the right to subscribe for any and all issues and other privileges of the Society, I am wondering whether you would care to permit me to propose your name as an Associate Member you would then receive the Journal regularly.

As an illustration of what has been said, I am enclosing circulars describing our Peace Medal and our Independence Day Medal, either of which may be procured by you, if you so desire, if you will sign the enclosed application card at once. We are very desirous of enrolling anyone with an active interest in coins, medals, and decorations, and our collections are at the service of our members for study or consultation.

I should be very glad to have you call at our Museum when you are next in New York, whether you enroll as an Associate or not.

Very respectfully yours,

(Three enclosures.)

Secretary.

THE LAFAYETTE

PORTLAND, MAINE.

July 19, '19.

Mr. Sydney P. Doe,
New York City.

My Dear Sir,

You letter of July 16th received
and I wish to thank you very much
for your kind offer to propose my
name, for membership in The American
Numismatic Society.

I am, and have been for sometime,
interested in old coins, but only
in a small way. Of late, I have
taken more time to study the subject
and it was while doing this, that
I happened to find the Boston
address of The Journal, in an old
directory.

I have signed the card which you
sent me, and will be much obliged if

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will kindly have it acted upon.
Thanking you again, I am.
Very Respectfully Yours
Albert L. Hanley.

July 21, 1919.

Albert L. Manley, Esq.,
The Lafayette,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of July 19th enclosing your signature to one of our applications for membership cards - thank you very much. This will be presented at the next meeting of the Council, which occurs August 4th and at that time I will write you of their action.

If you will let me know of the branch of commissions which you are most interested I shall be glad to do anything to help you develop that interest that is possible.

August 6, 1910.

Albert H. Hanley, Esq.;
The Lafayette,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Mr. Hanley:-

At a meeting of the Council held August 4th, you were unanimously elected an Associate Member of the American Numismatic Society. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our membership, and if there is anything we can do to increase or develop your interest in medals or coins, please feel absolutely free to call upon us.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.



THE LAFAYETTE

PORTLAND, ME.

JAMES CUNNINGHAM CO.

Aug 7 1919.

Mr. Sidney P. Moore
New York
City

My Dear Mr. Moore

Your kind letter of Aug 6th just received, and I wish to thank you very much for the interest and consideration you have given me, since I first wrote you.

I am delighted at being accepted as a member of The American Numismatic Society, and hope to have the pleasure of meeting its members also of visiting you personally sometime, so as to thank you for past favors.

At present I am not very well up on subject of numismatics, although for a number of years I have been interested

in a small way, and had collected a number of old coins. I did not make it a study, but just had that ordinary interest that a person has for old and rare things, but loved to look at them, and see them around.

About six months ago a guest here at the hotel returned from spending the winter in the South, and while there he had bought a lot of old coins, about twelve hundred in the lot. He showed them to me, and we both started to sort them out.

This started me, and I at once began to look for reading matter on the subject, which finally lead to my writing you.

I now have about five hundred different pieces, and my interest at present, is mostly to increase this collection.

I am enclosing a post office money order for my dues, and will be very much obliged if you will send me the Journal for this year, also if there is any other matter that the Society has, that you think I would be interested in, I would like to have it.

Thanking you again I beg to remain
Very Respectfully Yours

Albert C. Hanley

August 9, 1916.

Albert L. Hanley, Esq.,
The Lafayette,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Mr. Hanley:-

I have your letter of the 7th together with your cheque for your membership dues. The current volume of the Journal is in the course of being printed and I hope to send it to you during the coming six weeks to two months.

I am interested in your collection, and if I find myself in Portland at any time, I shall make it a point of calling to see you. When you come to New York you must let us show you what we have here.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

THE LAFAYETTE

PORTLAND, MAINE.

Nov. 8, 1919.

Mr. Hyatt P. Morris,
New York,
City

My dear Mr. Morris;

In your letter of Aug. 9th stated, that you thought at that time that the journal would be ready for publication in about six or eight weeks from that time, and as I have not received a copy to date I thought I would write you and see if by any chance my name had been overlooked.

I know that the printers have been in a strike and of course this would cause a delay. But as I am very anxious to receive a copy as soon as they are ready, I hope you won't think me at all unreasonable concerning this.

With thanks for past favors, and hope some time to have the pleasure of meeting you personally. I remain very respectfully yours,

John H. Mahoney

November 6th, 1919.

A. L. Hanley, Esq.,
The Lafayette,
Portland, Maine.

Dear Mr. Hanley:-

In response to yours of November third, you are correct in expecting that the issue of the Journal has been held up. It should reach you within the coming two weeks unless something unforeseen happens.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

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PORTLAND, MAINE.

Jan 10, 1920.

Mrs. S. P. Hoy,
New York
City

My Dear Mr. Hoy,

I enclose find money order
for five dollars to pay my dues
for 1920.

It also would be very much obliged
if you would advise me, if there
is any publisher or book house, that
make a special business of handling
commissioned work.

It my idea was, to get some broker
that would give a beginner, some
general information, and if you
know of any would be very glad
to have your recommend some.

I thank you very much for past
years and wishing you a happy New
Year I am

Very Respectfully Yours -

Albert L. Hanley

Jan. 14, 1920.

Albert L. Hanley, Esq.,
The Lafayette,
Portland, Me.

Dear Mr. Hanley:-

Thank you for your letter of the 10th
enclosing your dues for 1920.

I am glad to have you ask me for suggestions regarding numismatic reading matter, for I think I can help you. Have you made full use of your Portland Library? My experience is that if you will state your case to the chief Librarian, you will find not only a sympathetic listener, but frequently a fund of suggestion which will prove very stimulating. Your Library at Portland is an excellent one. You have in addition the Maine Historical Society Library. If neither of them has Crosby's "Early Coins of America" they ought to purchase it, and would probably be very willing to do so. It would cost them \$16.00 to 18.00 only. A volume which you could purchase for yourself, if it is not in the Libraries, is Rawling's "Coins and how to know them." It is far from being perfect, but it is the best thing in English that I know, and covers the ancient as well as the more modern coinages. You may find files of either the "Numismatist" or the "American Journal of Numismatics" in the Libraries - either or both would be helpful. Another good work is Hazlitt's "Coinage of the European Continent" which would be a desirable purchase for either Library.

I am sending you some reading matter we have for free distribution. I am also sending with it a catalogue of our Exhibition of Colonial Coins which we sell for one dollar. If you do not want it, just mail it back after you have looked it over. If you will let me know more specifically what series you are most interested in, I shall be glad to advise you further.

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

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PORTLAND, MAINE.

Jan. 19, '20.

Mr. Sidney P. Moore,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Moore

You kind favor of Jan 14th received and I wish to thank you very much for the information that you gave me. I also received a Catalogue and pamphlets and I am delighted with them, as they are very interesting to me. I am enclosing a money order for one dollar and twenty five cents to pay for the Catalogue of historical coins and the balance to cover the postage.

Acting upon your advice, I visited the library and found they did have Hazlitt's book collected. Reviewing they did not have but I can get that myself and will do so as soon

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PORTLAND, MAINE.

The books you send me contain a great deal of information concerning coins and medals. That was very interesting to me.

I hope in be able before very long to visit New York, and look forward with pleasure to the time when I can visit you personally and thank you for past favor, also a visit to the Society's Building would be a treat.

I have been very fortunate since I started in obtaining some very fine coins, more a variety than out of my one series and none that would be considered very rare as far as I know at present, but all very interesting.

Thanking you again, I will close with best wishes. I am
Very Respectfully Yours
Albert L. Hanley

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PORTLAND, MAINE.

Mr. Silas P. Hoag,
New York
City.

Sept. 3, '20.

My Dear Mr. Hoag,

The Maine Centennial
half dollar have just arrived
here, and I am sending you one
which I hope you will accept
with my compliments.

In case you or your friends
will be obtain my more I'd
be very glad to act for you.
They are sold at one dollar.

Thanking you a great deal
for your kindness, I am

Very respectfully yours
A. Little Hamby

September 7, 1920

Albert E. Hamlin, Esq.
The Librarian,
Portland, Me.

My dear Sir:

Your letter containing the Compendium
half-dollar of the state of Maine and addressed
to Mr. Roe is received during his absence on
vacation.

I know that he will be very much pleased
by the receipt of this issue, and I trust that
I need not thank you for your trouble in
sending it to him.

May I also add that I believe the State
of Maine is to be congratulated on the successful
completion of the coast survey. While, it is by
far the best of the different memoriam pieces that
have been issued by the United States Mint.

Very truly yours

Assistant to Curator

7/6

September 24th, 1920

B. L. Hanley, Esq.
Hotel Lafayette
Portland, Me.

Dear Mr. Hanley:

I found the specimen of the Maine Centennial Half-dollar which you so kindly sent us in my mail when I returned from my vacation. This will explain why your conscientious thought has not received acknowledgment heretofore.

It may interest you to know that the Society had quite a finger in the arrangement for this piece as the artist was one whom I suggested. I hope that you are pleased with the result. As the design was a stipulated one, I think he has made as much of it as possible. It is unfortunate that he could not have been given a little more freedom.

I am placing your gift in a cabinet of the Society, and a formal acknowledgment will be sent you in due time.

Again thanking you for your gift, I beg to remain

Very respectfully yours,

SPM/E

Secretary

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Mr Sidney Shoor
New-York
City

Sept. 27, 1920

My Dear Mr. Shoor,

Your kind favor of Sept 24th received, and I am very glad to hear that you are going to place the half dollar in the Society's cabinet, but when I sent it, I wrote it for you personally.

The fact that I did not send it on to the Society was thoughtlessness on my part, and this, I hope, will be pardoned this time.

I am also going to try and make good, so am enclosing two more, so that two may be placed in the cabinet, and do away with the necessity of handling the coins in order to see both sides.

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There, I hope, the Society will accept with my best wishes.

Thanking you again for your kindness in the past, I am,
Very Respectfully Yours -
Albert L. Hanley

September 29th, 1920

Albert L. Hanley, Esq.
The Lafayette
Portland, Me.

Dear Dr. Hanley:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 27th enclosing two Maine Centennial Half-dollars for our Society's cabinet. I thank you very much for having sent these as well as for the one which you wanted me to have personally. I am very happy in possessing it because, as I think I wrote you, a personal friend modelled the piece and Mr. Cochran came here to ask me about it before the commission was given. In consequence, in addition to connecting the gift with one of the Maine citizens, I shall have these as factors in making it a true souvenir.

I hope we shall have the pleasure of greeting you here some day and showing you our Collection.

I am preparing a pamphlet which you will receive in due course. I hope that your interest in numismatics is not flagging.

Very respectfully yours,

SPK/B

Secretary

October 27th, 1920

Albert L. Hanley, Esq.
The Lafayette
Portland, Me.

Dear Mr. Hanley:

A friend of mine has asked me to procure a specimen of the Maine Half-dollar. I am enclosing One Dollar plus 10 cents for postage.

With cordial regards,

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN/K
Enc.

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Congress and Park Streets
Portland, Maine

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PRIVATE OFFICE

Oct. 28, 1920.

Mr. Sydney P. Moore,
New York
City

My Dear Mr. Moore,

Yours of Oct 27th just received,
and I am very glad indeed to send you -
another Centennial half dollar; and am enclosing

Since the fourth of Nov. I have sent out
three hundred and only odd this I thought we -
were pretty good. But I was a little surprised
to day too hear that they were not going very
well. We come from one of the banks
If this is a fact I believe that they
will be going a little cheaper later.

Hoping the enclosed specimen will prove
satisfactory, I am, very respectfully yours,

W. H. Gandy

A. L. HANLEY
THE LAFAYETTE
PORTLAND, MAINE

Jan. 4, 1821.

The American Numismatic Society
New York
C. F.

My dear Sirs;

I enclose and send my check for five dollars
to pay my dues for the coming year.

I shall be very much obliged if you
will kindly advise me of the price of the
membership medals.

Thanking you for past favors, and wishing
all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am
very Respectfully yours,

Albert L. Hanley.

January 6th, 1921

A. L. Hanley, Esq.
The Lafayette
Portland, Me.

Dear Mr. Hanley:

Your letter of January 4th is at hand. Thank you very much for your New Year wishes.

The price of the bronze LaFayette medal would be slightly below \$2.00. This increase is due to the rise in the cost of copper which is at 60¢ a pound; and as this comes with the individual name, we cannot have a lower figure.

If you wish a LaFayette medal, kindly let me have your order.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

S.M.B.

A. L. HANLEY
THE LAFAYETTE
PORTLAND, MAINE

May, 1879.

My Dear Mr. May:

I am taking the liberty of writing you again this time to see if I can obtain a little information.

The other day a young man here in Portland brought me in a medal to look at which he found in France while in the service.

It is a gold medal issued by Napoleon just before his death. The name has been told that it is very valuable and wanted me to tell him out concerning it.

If you can give me any information as to its value I'll be very much obliged.

Will try and describe it as best I can, and hope you may have success.

The medal itself is about the size of our large gold dollar and is surrounded with a wreath of olive boughs. This wreath has a crown on the top, and a ring from which the medal hangs.

The ob. has the head of Napoleon facing the left, and surrounding this is Napoleon's Empirical motto: "Empereur des Indes" the following inscription just as placed on the medal.

*Le Compagnon
We have
La Justice
Bonté
St. Alain
5 Mai
1821.*

Surrounding the above is "Le Compagnon No. 1792, A. 1821." This I think is the best I can do in describing the medal, and

A. L. HANLEY
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I hope is enough so that if you have seen one you may know it.

The young man told me that a jeweler in Paris told him that the medal was one that Napoleon had struck off just before his death, and gave to a number of his closer friends; that there were only a few of them, and were highly prized by those who had them.

If you happen to know anything about the medal, and its value, I'll be very much obliged if you will let me know.

With best wishes, I am,

Very Respectfully Yours,
A. L. Hanley

May 21st, 1921

Mr. A. L. Wanley
The Lafayette
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 19th addressed to Mr. Noe, I would say that the French medal which your friend has was issued in 1857 by Napoleon III to all living veterans of the Napoleonic Wars; it is generally known as the St. Helena Medal. It is of bronze and suspended from a ribbon of red and white stripes; the medal is about one inch wide and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches high. Miniatures of this were made by jewellers in various sizes, both in bronze and bronze gold plated. Some may have been made in gold; however, I rather suspect that the medal in question is bronze gold plated.

All of these medals are common, and if in bronze it is not worth over \$1.50 at the most; if in gold, very little over its gold value.

Very truly yours,

Hayes

Curator

November 25th, 1924

Mr. Albert L. Hanley
The Lafayette
Portland, Me.

Dear Mr. Hanley:

We are about to close our books for the Fiscal year. It appears that through inadvertence you have over looked the payment of your dues for the current year. Will you kindly send your cheque to cover the enclosed bill for Five Dollars (\$5.00).

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Maine Centennial half dollar